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# A PROCLAMATION

*Discharging the Melting down of Current Coin,  
the Passing of Cobbs, or Clipt Money, except  
by Weight, and the Exportation of Money  
forth of the Kingdom, 1695.*



**W**ILLIAM by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France  
and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To

Masters of Our Privy Council,  
Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, Conjunctly, and  
Severally, Specially, Constitute; Greeting, Forasmuch as,  
the Melting down of the Species of Money Current in the Kingdom as Bullion,  
to be of new Coined, under the Print of Our Irons, is not only in it self unnecessary,  
but a visible prejudice to the Common-good of the Realm: Therefore We  
with Advice of the Lords of our Privy Council, have thought fit to Ordain,  
and hereby Ordains that none presume to Melt down any Species of Money, at  
present Current within the Kingdom, whether Forraign or not, to be brought  
to our Mint, as Bullion to be of new Coined, and that the General and Master  
of Our Mint, receive no such Species of Money from any person as Bullion to be  
of New Coined: And farther that when any Plate or Lignets of Silver shall  
be brought in to Our Mint, and presented as Bullion, that they first take the  
Presenters and Owners Oath, that the said Plate or Lignets are not Melted  
down, and made by themselves or their Procurement, directly or indirectly,  
of any of the foresaid Species of Current Money; Certifying, the said Gene-  
ral, Master, and other Officers of Our Mint, that if they failzie in the Premises,  
either by taking of the foresaid Species of Current Coin for Bullion, or of  
any Lignets or other Plate without Exacting of the foresaid Oath, and the Owe-  
ner and Presenter their Purging themselves thereby, as said is, it shall be  
Reckoned a Malversation on the part of Our said General, Master, and other  
Officers of the Mint, importing Tinsal of their respective Offices. And because,  
that Nowithstanding, of the Proclamation already emitted, anent the Passing of En-  
glisb Clip: Money, the foresaid Abuse of Clipping as to other Species, doth still  
continue: Therefore We with Advice foresaid, do hereby Prohibite all Ry-  
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als commonly called *Cobbs*, and their *Fractions* to pass otherways than by Weight, Declaring the due Weight of the full *Ryal* or *Cobb* to be fourteen *Drop*, and so, forth of their *Halves*, *Quarters*, & other *Fractions*; as also that no *Clipt Money* whatsoever, pass Current, except by Weight, as said is, that is by its true and lawfull Weight, if it were not *Clipt*, and that there may be no Abuse by Melting down of the said *Clipt Money* to be Bullion, on Pretence that it is *Clipt* and not Current: We do farther Require and Command, the General, Master, and other Officers of the *Mint*, to receive no Lignets pretended to be Melted down of the foresaid *Light Cobbs*, or other *Clipt Money*, but that they take the same Oath and Tryal thereanent when offered, as is hereby prescribed, *Against the Species of Current Coin*, above-mentioned, to the effect, that whosoever intends to bring in the foresaid *Light Cobbs*, or their *Fractions*, or other *Clipt Money* for Bullion, may bring in the same *in Specie* to Our *Mint*, and no otherwise, Likeas the foresaid Officers of Our *Mint* are hereby enjoined to take Tryal, that the saids *Cobbs* and their *Fractions* offered for Bullion, be *Light* or otherways, that they do not receive them, and that under the Certification above-mentioned, and because the Stock of Money of the Kingdom is at present greatly Impaired, by mens presuming to export Gold and Silver forth of the same, contrary to the Laws and Acts of Parliament made thereanent: therefore and to the Effect, none pretend ignorance, We with Advice foresaid, Ordain the Act of Parliament One thousand six hundred and sixtie three, Entituled, *Act against the Exportation of Money forth of the Kingdom*, whereof the Tenor is hereunto subjoyned, to be put to due and punctual Execution in the whole Heads and Clauses thereof, with all Expedition and Stricness. OUR WILL IS HEREFOR E, and We Charge you strictly and Command, that Incontinent, thir Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and to the Mercat-Crosses of the hail Head-Burghs of the several Shires and Stewarries within this Kingdom: And there in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance.

*Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the Twenty eight day of November, and of Our Reign the Seventh Year, 1695.*

*Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.*

GILB<sup>d</sup> ELLIOT. *Clk. Sti<sup>o</sup> Concilii,*

**GOD Save the KING.**

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*Follows the Act of Parliament.*

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